

OFFERTORY "The Power of the Cross" by Getty & Townend; Arr. James Koerts Zachary Smith

*DOXOLOGY OLD 100TH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF SENDING #614 "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #108 "There's Something About That Name"

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus: there's just something about that names!

**Master, Savior, Jesus, like the fragrance after the rain; Jesus, Jesus, Jesus let all haven and earth
proclaim: Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, but there's something about that name!**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY Zachary Smith



WELCOME VISITOR! We are delighted that you are here to share worship of our Lord Jesus this morning together with the rest of us. We want you to be well informed about the Christian faith and about the church so don't be afraid to ask. You may communicate with us in several ways. Ask a neighbor in your pew, fill out a blue first-time visitor card, add your name to the Ritual of Friendship pad and by all means do not hesitate to contact our pastor. May God bless you this morning and throughout the week.

Rev. Susan Bennett, Pastor
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director
Ward Gailey, Music Director
Zachary Smith, Musician

Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Tom Francis, Custodian
Nursery: Stephanie Phillips & Megan Johnson

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

August 31, 2014

11:00 a.m.



*Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want
to become my followers, let them deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me."*

Matthew 16:24

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during this hour of worship.
Otherwise, Susan will turn into her evil twin and give you The Look.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Isabella Newsome

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Jason Howard

Please use this time for silent meditation and preparation for worship. Prayer cards are in the pew rack in front of you for submission to church prayer list.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**Those who are able, please stand.*

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT # 335 "Christ the Eternal Lord" (verse 5)

**Christ the ascended King exalted high above, whose praise
unending ages sing, whom yet unseen we love; when mortal life is past your voice from heaven's
throne shall call your children home at last to know as we are known.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 105)

Liturgist: Aaron Dunn

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

All: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

All: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #48 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we do not do our best to live peaceably with all. Forgive us when we hate those who hate us, instead of showing them understanding and patience. Forgive us when we repay evil with evil. Help us through your Spirit to live in harmony with each other, and to overcome evil with good. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (I John 1:9)

Leader: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Friends, give thanks again for God's amazing grace:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

*HYMN OF CONSECRATION #355 "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" (first 4 verses only)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

(Children will be dismissed to Children's Worship following the anthem.)

ANTHEM "Down to the River to Pray" Appalachian Folk

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Matthew 16:21-28

Page 17, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Romans 12:9-21

Page 151, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "A Heavy Cross to Bear"

Rev. Susan Bennett

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

MINISTRY OF GIVING